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SUBJECT: **FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL CHANGES FOR
WISCONSIN WORKS (W-2), COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT (CR) &
WISCONSIN SHARES (CHILD CARE SUBSIDY) PROGRAM --**

CROSS REFERENCE: Child Day Care Manual
W-2 Manual
CR Guide

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 1, 2002

PURPOSE:

This memo provides local agencies with the 2002 Federal Poverty Levels (FPL) for Wisconsin Works (W-2) cash assistance, Community Reinvestment (CR) and Wisconsin Shares (the child care subsidy program). Information regarding the impact these changes will have on the child care subsidy applicants and recipients is included below and the revised W-2 FPL table is attached.

The new 2002 Child Care Co-Pay Schedule will be available on the internet effective March 18, 2002 at: <http://www.dwd.state.wi.us/dws/programs/childcare/pdf/cc2002fpl.pdf>.

BACKGROUND:

Each year the federal government adjusts the FPL. As a result of the annual FPL changes, income limits for W-2 cash assistance, child care eligibility and the income ranges that are used to determine the family copayment for child care authorizations change.

WISCONSIN WORKS

The effective date for the new income limits for W-2 cash assistance (115% FPL) is May 1, 2002.

COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT

The effective date for the new income limits for CR program (200% FP) is May 1, 2002.

2002 Federal Poverty Levels (FPL)									
Group	Annual Amounts	Monthly 100%	Monthly 115%	Monthly 200%	Group	Annual Amounts	Monthly 100%	Monthly 115%	Monthly 200%
Size		FPL	FPL	FPL	Size		FPL	FPL	FPL
1	\$8,860	\$738.33	\$849	\$1,477	6	\$24,260	2,021.67	\$2,325	\$4,043
2	\$11,940	\$995.00	\$1,144	\$1,990	7	\$27,340	2,278.33	\$2,620	\$4,557
3	\$15,020	\$1,251.67	\$1,439	\$2,503	8	\$30,420	2,535.00	\$2,915	\$5,070
4	\$18,100	\$1,508.33	\$1,735	\$3,017	9	\$33,500	2,791.67	\$3,210	\$5,583
5	\$21,180	\$1,765.00	\$2,030	\$3,530	10	\$36,580	3,048.33	\$3,506	\$6,097
					Each Added Person	\$3,080	\$256.67	\$295	\$513

CHILD CARE

The effective date of the new income limits established in this memo for all new child care subsidy applicants, is May 1, 2002. Applications entered in CARES after the April 6, 2002 mass change should use these new FPL income limits (CARES table TCCS) for May 1, 2002.

All ongoing child care cases, including those that are closing April 30, 2002, in the CARES system will be run in the annual mass change for eligibility April 6, 2002. All child care cases will have their income compared to the new 2002 FPL percentages. Cases that were closing April 30, 2002, for excess income may remain eligible for child care as a result of the 2002 FPL changes.

Child care authorizations will also go through a mass change on the weekend of April 27, 2002, that will split all authorizations and recalculate the family copay using the new income ranges on CARES Table TCFP and the new copays displayed on CARES Table TCCP.

CHILD CARE AUTHORIZATIONS

All current and future authorizations that are created in the child care payment system as of April 27, 2002 will be included in the child care authorization mass change. All authorizations with an end date after April 30 will be split with the new authorization beginning April 28 or May 12. If family income has not changed since the current authorizations were created, the new increased FPL income ranges may decrease the family copay or not change the family copay at all. However, even if the copay and the provider payment does not change, the authorization will split and notices will be generated. If the mass change reduces the family copay, therefore increasing the provider payment, the begin date of the new authorizations will be April 28.

Some authorizations will begin May 12 because the provider payment will decrease as a result of the mass change. This can happen because the new authorizations will use the most current family income for May, as well as the number of children in care and the type of care chosen by the family to determine the family copay. Income changes in CARES that have not been reflected in current authorizations will be reflected in the new authorizations created by the mass change. So, it is possible that the copay will increase due to income changes in spite of the FPL changes. When this happens, the begin date of the new authorization will be May 12, 2002. Notices will be generated to reflect the decreased payment to the provider also.

All authorizations that are created after April 30, 2002, with a begin date of April 28 or later will use the new income ranges to determine the family copay. However, if the begin date of authorizations created after the mass change is April 27 or earlier, the retro authorization will split. One authorization will use the 2001 FPL income ranges and copayment amounts and end April 27 and the other authorization will begin April 28 and use the 2002 FPL income ranges and copayment amounts.

FAMILY AND PROVIDER NOTICES

All child care cases will go through the eligibility mass change, but ongoing approval notices (AEAX) will not be generated for child care cases that were open in April. These notices are not generated because the eligibility status of the family has not changed.

Family authorization notices will be sent out to all families with children that have current and future authorizations because they will be included in the authorization mass change. This means that an authorization end notice and a new authorization notice will be generated for each family and mailed together on April 29.

Provider notices will be similar to the notices that were generated when the county maximum rates changed for 2002. This notice will list all children who are authorized to that provider location. When there is no change in the provider payment rate, an asterisk will appear next to the child's name. An explanation that the asterisk indicates no payment rate change will be displayed at the bottom of this notice. These notices to providers will not display on the provider's notice history (CNHS), instead they can be viewed as an EOS report. The report name and number is FPL Auth Mass Change Notice CC40 (displays each provider notice) and CC41 (lists providers who received the notice).

For a detailed Child Care Co-Payment Schedule for Licensed and Certified Care see the attached spreadsheet.

CARES

The CARES income limit tables (TWWS, TCCS), used to determine W-2 and child care eligibility, will be updated with an effective date of May 1, 2002. The child care income range table (TCFP) and the child care copay table (TCCP), used to determine the family copay for child care authorizations, will also be updated with an effective date of April 28, 2002.

There will be a mass change for child care eligibility and a separate mass change for current and future authorizations in the child care payment system run on the weekend of April 27, 2002.

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Note: Email contacts are preferred. Thank you.

2002 CHILD CARE COPAY SCHEDULE

Child Care Co-Payment Schedule for Licensed and Certified Care

Look down the column of the appropriate family size until you find the gross family monthly income level at or just less than the family income. Look to the right to find the appropriate co-payment by family and type of care.

	[-----Gross Monthly Family Income-----]									WEEKLY LICENSED CARE CO-PAY AMOUNT					WEEKLY CERTIFIED CARE CO-PAY AMOUNT				
	FAMILY SIZE									CHILDREN IN SUBSIDIZED CARE:					CHILDREN IN SUBSIDIZED CARE:				
	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10 or more	1	2	3	4	5 or more	1	2	3	4	5 or more
70% FPL	\$697	\$876	\$1,056	\$1,236	\$1,415	\$1,595	\$1,775	\$1,954	\$2,134	4	8	12	15	20	2	6	9	11	14
75% FPL	\$746	\$939	\$1,131	\$1,324	\$1,516	\$1,709	\$1,901	\$2,094	\$2,286	4	10	14	18	23	3	7	10	13	15
80% FPL	\$796	\$1,001	\$1,207	\$1,412	\$1,617	\$1,823	\$2,028	\$2,233	\$2,439	6	11	15	21	25	5	8	11	15	18
85% FPL	\$846	\$1,064	\$1,282	\$1,500	\$1,718	\$1,937	\$2,155	\$2,373	\$2,591	10	14	18	23	28	6	10	13	15	20
90% FPL	\$896	\$1,127	\$1,358	\$1,589	\$1,820	\$2,051	\$2,282	\$2,513	\$2,744	11	18	23	28	34	8	12	15	20	24
95% FPL	\$945	\$1,189	\$1,433	\$1,677	\$1,921	\$2,164	\$2,408	\$2,652	\$2,896	14	21	28	34	42	10	15	20	24	29
100% FPL	\$995	\$1,252	\$1,508	\$1,765	\$2,022	\$2,278	\$2,535	\$2,792	\$3,048	15	23	29	37	44	11	15	21	26	31
105% FPL	\$1,045	\$1,314	\$1,584	\$1,853	\$2,123	\$2,392	\$2,662	\$2,931	\$3,201	18	25	33	39	46	13	17	23	27	33
110% FPL	\$1,095	\$1,377	\$1,659	\$1,942	\$2,224	\$2,506	\$2,789	\$3,071	\$3,353	21	28	34	42	48	15	20	24	28	34
115% FPL	\$1,144	\$1,439	\$1,735	\$2,030	\$2,325	\$2,620	\$2,915	\$3,210	\$3,506	23	29	37	44	50	15	21	26	31	36
120% FPL	\$1,194	\$1,502	\$1,810	\$2,118	\$2,426	\$2,734	\$3,042	\$3,350	\$3,658	25	33	39	46	54	17	23	27	33	37
125% FPL	\$1,244	\$1,565	\$1,885	\$2,206	\$2,527	\$2,848	\$3,169	\$3,490	\$3,810	28	34	42	48	55	20	24	29	34	38
130% FPL	\$1,294	\$1,627	\$1,961	\$2,295	\$2,628	\$2,962	\$3,296	\$3,629	\$3,963	29	38	46	54	62	21	26	33	37	44
135% FPL	\$1,343	\$1,690	\$2,036	\$2,383	\$2,729	\$3,076	\$3,422	\$3,769	\$4,115	32	41	50	60	69	23	28	36	42	48
140% FPL	\$1,393	\$1,752	\$2,112	\$2,471	\$2,830	\$3,190	\$3,549	\$3,908	\$4,268	34	44	54	62	72	24	31	37	44	50
145% FPL	\$1,443	\$1,815	\$2,187	\$2,559	\$2,931	\$3,304	\$3,676	\$4,048	\$4,420	37	46	54	64	74	26	33	38	46	51
150% FPL	\$1,493	\$1,878	\$2,263	\$2,648	\$3,033	\$3,418	\$3,803	\$4,188	\$4,573	39	48	58	66	77	27	34	41	47	54
155% FPL	\$1,542	\$1,940	\$2,338	\$2,736	\$3,134	\$3,531	\$3,929	\$4,327	\$4,725	41	50	60	69	79	28	36	41	48	55
160% FPL	\$1,592	\$2,003	\$2,413	\$2,824	\$3,235	\$3,645	\$4,056	\$4,467	\$4,877	44	54	62	72	81	30	37	44	51	57
165% FPL	\$1,642	\$2,065	\$2,489	\$2,912	\$3,336	\$3,759	\$4,183	\$4,606	\$5,030	45	55	64	73	83	32	38	46	51	58
170% FPL	\$1,692	\$2,128	\$2,564	\$3,001	\$3,437	\$3,873	\$4,310	\$4,746	\$5,182	46	58	67	77	86	33	41	47	54	59
175% FPL	\$1,741	\$2,190	\$2,640	\$3,089	\$3,538	\$3,987	\$4,436	\$4,885	\$5,335	47	59	69	79	87	33	41	48	55	61
180% FPL	\$1,791	\$2,253	\$2,715	\$3,177	\$3,639	\$4,101	\$4,563	\$5,025	\$5,487	49	61	72	81	90	34	43	51	57	63
185% FPL	\$1,841	\$2,316	\$2,790	\$3,265	\$3,740	\$4,215	\$4,690	\$5,165	\$5,639	50	63	73	83	92	35	46	51	58	64
<<<-----185% of the Federal Poverty Level----->>>																			
190% FPL	\$1,891	\$2,378	\$2,866	\$3,354	\$3,841	\$4,329	\$4,817	\$5,304	\$5,792	51	64	77	85	94	37	47	53	59	67
195% FPL	\$1,940	\$2,441	\$2,941	\$3,442	\$3,942	\$4,443	\$4,943	\$5,444	\$5,944	53	66	79	87	97	37	48	55	62	68
200% FPL	\$1,990	\$2,503	\$3,017	\$3,530	\$4,043	\$4,557	\$5,070	\$5,583	\$6,097	55	68	81	89	99	38	50	57	63	69
<<<-----+200% of the Federal Poverty Level----->>>																			

NOTE: The copayment rate for teen parents who are not Learnfare participants is minimum copay and is found by selecting the lowest income line (70%) FPL and then finding the copayment listed, under either licensed care or certified care, for the appropriate number of children. Parents who have left a W-2 employment position for unsubsidized work also qualify for the minimum copay for one month. Families with children who are authorized for 20 hours or less are subject to one half of their share of the family copay listed above for those children. No copay is required for parents who participate in Learnfare or Food Stamp Employment and Training. Foster parents do not have a copayment responsibility for the foster children in their care. Kinship care relatives caring for a child under a court order do not have a copayment responsibility. Kinship care relatives caring for a child without a court order pay the minimum copay, unless they are receiving a child care subsidy for another child who is subject to a copayment greater than the minimum copay.